GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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NON-AVAILABILITY OF NCERT TEXT BOOKS
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `many schools are yet to get NCERTbooks` appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 19.07.2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the NCERT has failed to provide new text books till now to the students;

(e) whether the various State Governments have writtento the Union Governmentto make special provisions to make available NCERT new text books for class XIth to avoid further loss of time; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The news item has reported that the school children in the capital are unable to procure class XI textbooks despite their release by NCERT, barring English and Psychology.It has further reported that the demand for the books is more than the supply at the retail book stores.

As per information made available by NCERT, it was required toprint a total of 22 new text books for class XIfor this session excluding the text books in Historyand Hindi, the release of which was stayed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.Out of these 22 new textbooks, NCERT had printed and released 14 text books in July 2002 till the date of the aforesaid news item. The NCERT has since brought out the text books in all school subjects for all classes, including the textbooks in Social Sciences, Hindi and History.

(e) & (f) Government has not received any such information from any State, except from the State of Mizoram.